

ORDINANCE O-4573

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO ABANDONED AND UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES AND MUNICIPAL COURT JURISDICTION FOR TOW HEARINGS.

1 WHEREAS, as part of a legal review of the Kirkland Municipal
2 Code ("KMC") by Code Publishing Company it has been recommended
3 that KMC Section 12.40.020 be amended to reflect the jurisdiction of
4 the Kirkland Municipal Court, rather than Northeast District Court, to
5 conduct contested vehicle tow and impoundment hearings.
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7 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do
8 ordain as follows:
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10 Section 1. Kirkland Municipal Code Section 12.40.020 is
11 amended to read as follows:
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13 **12.40.020 Procedure for impoundment.**

14 An unauthorized vehicle may be impounded by a registered tow
15 truck operator at the direction of a police officer, parking enforcement
16 person, or other public official authorized by the chief of police. Removal
17 and storage of a vehicle impounded under this section shall be at the
18 registered and legal owners' expense as provided in RCW Title 46.
19 Within twenty-four hours after an unauthorized vehicle is impounded,
20 the police department shall send notification by first class mail to the
21 last known registered and legal owners of the vehicle, unless the vehicle
22 is redeemed prior to the mailing of the notice. The notification shall
23 include the name, address, and phone number of the impounding tow
24 firm and the location and time of impound. Further, the notification will
25 inform any owner of an opportunity for a hearing to contest the basis
26 of the impoundment which shall contain a certificate of mailing and
27 which shall be accompanied by a form to be directed to the Kirkland
28 Municipal Court ~~Northeast District Court~~ for requesting a hearing. Unless
29 otherwise specified, any impoundment pursuant to this code or other
30 ordinances of the city shall follow the procedure set forth in this section
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32 Section 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days
33 from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication,
34 as required by law.
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36 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
37 meeting this 18th day of April, 2017.
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39 Signed in authentication thereof this 18th day of April, 2017.

MAYOR



Attest:

Kate Anderson
City Clerk

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Approved as to Form:

Kevin Raymond
City Attorney